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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are in the application as filed. Claims 1-11 are being prosecuted herein. Claims 12-17 are withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction and election requirement. The election of Claims 1-11 is affirmed herein.

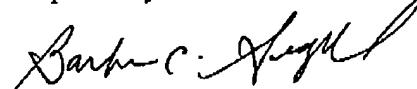
Claims 1 and dependent claims, except for Claim 8, are rejected. Claims 1,2 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (a) as anticipated by USA 6,597,757. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as obvious over USA 6,597,757 and USA 5,952,241. Claims 6, 7 and 9 are rejected as obvious over USA 6,597,757 and USA 6,631,551. Claim 10 was seen as obvious over USA 6,597,757. Applicant disagrees that these claims, as previously presented, are either anticipated or obvious but has cancelled Claim 1 without prejudice to its prosecution in a subsequent divisional application. Present Claims 2-5, 6, 7, 9 10 and 11 are now dependent upon allowable Claim 8.

Claim 8 is objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 8. The above amendment also makes all of the other claims, except Claim 1, dependent upon allowable Claim 8.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, allowance of claims 2-11 of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required to advance allowance of these claims, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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